

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1- 3 (canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method for producing nozzle-type openings in spray arms for dishwasher machines, comprising:

removing, via laser, material on the surface of a spray arm blank after the spray arm blank has been produced so as to form nozzle-type openings in the spray arm blank.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for producing nozzle-type openings according to claim 4, wherein the step of removing, via laser, material on the surface of a spray arm blank includes removing material so as to form nozzle-type openings having shapes deviating from a circular shape.

6. (Previously Presented) A device for producing nozzle-type openings in spray arms for dishwasher machines, comprising:

a device for releasably securing the spray arm blank in a fixed position; and
a laser disposed relative to the arranged on the device for releasably securing the spray arm blank in a fixed position, the laser being operable to remove material on the surface of a spray arm blank secured in the fixed position so as to form nozzle-type openings in the spray arm blank.

7. (New) A method for producing nozzle-type openings in spray arms for dishwashing machines, comprising:

blow-molding a plastic spray arm blank; and
cutting a nozzle into the surface of the spray arm blank by a laser, wherein the nozzle is sharp-edged to create a constriction of a stream passing through the opening.